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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELLE

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SUBDCT: ANGOLA: NEGATIVE MEDIA REPORTS SOURCED TO US OFFICIALS

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1. CHONA CALLED ME FROM STATE HOUSE EVENING JAN 21 TO SAY PRESIDENT KAUNDA ANXIOUS TO KNOW IF WE HAD RECEIVED ANY REPLY TO OUR QUERY RE PRESS STATEMENTS, ONE ATTRIBUTED TO ZAMBIAN OFFICIAL, THE OTHER TO US OFFICIALS TRANSITING COPENHAGEN ENROUTE TO MOSCOW, CONCERNING NETO/AVIMBI COALITION, EARLY DEFEAT FOR FNLA/UNITA, AND DOUBTS ABOUT US ABILITY TO ASSIST MPLA RIVALS.

2. CHONA SAID STATE HOUSE UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE FROM LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICES. I OFFERED TO DOUBLECHECK WITH WASHINGTON.

3. AFTER DOING SO, I CALLED CHONA BACK TO SAY U.S. OFFICIAL PROBABLY MISQUOTED AND TO REASSURE HIM OF ADMINISTRATION'S DETERMINATION AS WELL AS PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S WELL PUBLICIZED COMMITMENTS; ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO PRESIDENT'S STATE OF UNION MESSAGE DEVOTING EIGHT LINES TO ANGOLA IN WHICH PRESIDENT URGED NEED TO HELP FRIENDS SUCH AS ANGOLA AND NOT RPT NOT LOSE CAPACITY TO RESPOND SHORT OF MILITARY INTERVENTION; ALSO PRESIDENT AWARE THAT HASTY ACTIONS  
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OF CONGRESS DURING PAST YEAR VERY MUCH ON MINDS OF OUR ALLIES

AND ADVERSARIES. TOLD CHONA THAT ZAMBIA'S CONCERN PASSED  
DIRECTLY TO SECY IN MOSCOW.

4. CHONA SAID HE THUS REASSURED, WOULD INFORM PRESIDENT,  
BUT KAUNDA MOST ANXIOUS TO KNOW OUTCOME OF KISSINGER/  
BREZHNEV TALKS AND HOW THIS WOULD AFFECT FUTURE LINES  
OF ACTION AND DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES WHICH COULD BE COORDIN-  
ATED AMONG US, OTHER SYMPATHETIC WESTERN POWERS, AND 22  
AFRICAN STATES WHO STOOD FAST AGAINST MPLA RECOGNITION  
AT OAU SUMMIT.  
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